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Timely Tidbits ...

Deadline Approaches

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate reports that anyone planning to run for mayor, clerk, treasurer, or city council on this November's ballot must file petitions with her office no later than Tuesday, June 21.

Candidates' petitions must contain no fewer than 100 certifiable signatures and no more than 200 signatures altogether.

Clerk Choate strongly urges candidates to garner a comfortable margin over the 100 signature minimum to ensure that at least 100 are actually certifiable.

Holiday Happenings

A Good Friday March and an Easter Egg Hunt are sure to draw plenty of participants over the holiday weekend. Both events are free and open to the public.

The Romulus Ministerial Association will host its annual Good Friday March on March 25. Lineup will begin at 11 a.m. at the gazebo in Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street south of the post office in downtown Romulus). At 11:30 a.m., marchers will make their way down Goddard to the Romulus Wesleyan Church (at Five Points), where a nondenominational community service will immediately follow the march.

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga south of Wick) promptly at noon on Saturday, March 26 – rain or shine. The hunt – which will feature a number of special eggs containing tickets for prizes – will be divided into four age groups:

- age 3 and under,
- 4 to 5 years of age,
- 6 to 7 years of age, and
- 8 to 10 years of age.

All participants must bring their own basket or bag to carry collected eggs.

Preregistration is *not* required to participate. All families should report to the tennis-courts area upon their arrival at the park. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$2 each. □

Eagles Lose Heartbreaker to Holt in State Final

By Kristi Stephens

Romulus High School's boys' basketball team finished an outstanding season on Saturday, March 19, with a 65–62 loss to Holt High School in the MHSAA Class "A" final.

The game – held at Michigan State University's Breslin Center in East Lansing – turned out to be a real nail-biter, despite the fact that Holt led by as many as 13 in the second half.

With the Eagles down 54–45 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, RHS seniors Jerret Smith and Jason Gibson outscored Holt, 17 to 8, to bring their team within a single point (63–62) with 34 seconds left to play. A couple of timeouts and a held ball later, Romulus had possession with just 8.5 seconds remaining, but turned it over when referees called senior Avery Stephenson out of bounds. Stephenson then fouled Ty Motley, who increased Holt's lead to 3 by making both free throws. As the clock ran out, a final, frantic three-point attempt by RHS senior Geryn Reese just missed, dashing the Eagles' hopes for a chance at overtime.

Although the team was understandably down immediately after the loss, head coach Nate Oats said that his players quickly recovered their spirits.

"By the time we went to dinner [after the game], they were already cheering up," said Oats. "They realized that they had accomplished something special."

"Everybody's pretty proud of the season we had," he added.

And deservedly so. The Eagles' appearance in the state final was only the team's second overall, and the first since 1986, when Terry Mills (who went on to play for the University of Michigan and several NBA teams, including the Detroit Pistons) led RHS to the school's sole championship.

According to Oats, the 2004–2005 Eagles had several fine players, but two – Smith and Stephenson – stood out from the rest.

"Jerret really took on a leadership role after Ron Coleman graduated last year," said Oats, noting that Coleman, who currently plays for the Wolverines, will be joined in the fall by Smith, who has already signed a letter of intent to attend and play for UM.

Smith – second during the regular season with 363 total points – played outstanding ball during the Eagles' play-off run, chalking up 11 points, 7 assists,



Senior point guard Jerret Smith finished a standout season by scoring 19 for the Eagles in the state final against Holt. (photo by Gary Shook)

and 9 rebounds in the quarterfinal against Detroit Pershing; 12 points and 6 steals in the semifinal against Saginaw; and 19 points against Holt in the final.

Stephenson was the team's leading scorer in regular-season play, racking up 368 points, and was second in rebounds with 153.

Oats and his assistant coaches – Steve Glenn (a point guard on the 1986 championship Eagles team) and Joshua

Baker (a point guard on Oats's old team at the University of Wisconsin) – will have their work cut out for them next year, since all but three members of this year's team are seniors. Only junior Kevin Smith, sophomore Devin Searcy, and freshman Dominique Buckley will return in the fall.

"We'll definitely be in a rebuilding mode," said Oats.

For more photos, see pages 8–9. □

Guest Commentary

Mayor Proud of "City of Champions"

By Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert

There is a true spirit here. It is the spirit of teamwork, the willingness to come together, and the ability to get the job done. It is who we are – and we are Romulus.

Last week, I had the honor of being part of the excitement in East Lansing, where the Romulus Eagles boys' basketball team participated in the Class A basketball finals. To everyone, let me say that our community is overflowing with pride. We all recognize the effort the team made in rallying to the very last second. Our players held in there all the way. Through tremendous teamwork and effort, our Eagles made it all the way to play in the championship game. The team, coaches, parents, and great people of Romulus are all winners in my book.

While sitting in the stands at the Breslin Center (home of the Michigan State Spartans), I envisioned myself playing on the court, but then I had to come to my senses and realize that this mayor can't jump! I may not be able to jump, but I certainly can revel in our city spirit. People from all walks of life – black, white, Hispanic, and Asian – were drawn together to cheer on our team. We were there as members of a commu-

nity. It was heartwarming to see over 3,000 people rooting Romulus on. Romulus people care about supporting their own.

Teamwork is everywhere in Romulus – from the girls' basketball team, who finished league champs, to the boys' team, who took us to the state championship. Our Flyers freshman football team also won their district championship. Our passion for teamwork is not limited to sports. In addition to our fine athletic organizations, there is a whole network of community groups and programs where people of all colors and nationalities unite to make Romulus a better place for our children and grandchildren.

Community pride is alive and well in Romulus, and I am proud to be a part of it. Every day, we rise to the occasion. We help each other and support each other. We are hard-working people who take pride in our faith, families, and community. Thank you, Romulus players, coaches and parents. You have reaffirmed that, through hard work and commitment, we can truly reach our goals. Congratulations on a job well done. Thanks to all the residents of Romulus. I am proud to serve as your Mayor in a city where all the people are champions. □

Letter to the Editor

Reader Disputes Romak's Qualifications

Dear Editor:

Having read Council member Debbie Romak's rationalizations for seeking the mayor's position in the City of Romulus, I found myself with more questions than answers as to why I should consider voting for her.

I then went to her Website to see if she gave reasons for running and methods to achieve a successful administration, should she be elected. I found more lofty rhetoric and generalizations, with no specifics or any listing of training or employment qualifications that would equip her with necessary skills to do the job if she gets it.

She says that her work experience favorably compares with that of former mayors William Oakley and Beverly McAnally, both of whom served on the legislative body before being elected mayor. Mrs. McAnally also served full time for six years as city treasurer. But, Mrs. Romak fails to mention that both Mr. Oakley and Mrs. McAnally had successful careers in the private sector before their careers in public service. Ms. Romak doesn't tell us about her work experience, or if she has any. She doesn't tell us what educational prepa-

ration she has garnered since high school that equips her for the mayor's position. She doesn't tell us where she has served her community in any capacity prior to her involvement with a citizen activist group that helped oppose a proposed injection well.

Ms. Romak boasts that she is a strong leader "that will not be led." That sounds a lot like a dictatorship to me. I hope that she would have allegiance to some ideals and ambitions of those who surpass her in accomplishment, experience, and influence. I would also hope that she would be led by the wishes of those who elect leaders. Her failure in leadership is evident in the lack of respect and support of her fellow council members. She and her cohort, Council member Charles Miller, vote as one, rarely giving an independent vote, and always voting "no" on issues of their private and negative interest.

No, Ms. Romak, you have not yet passed Leadership 101; you also need more practical experience and, most of all, you need to learn to cooperate with others to achieve your lofty goal of "empowerment."

Theresa S. Huckno, Romulus □

Lambert Hosts "Towne Hall" Meeting



Mayor Alan R. Lambert (far left) answered residents' questions at his most recent "Towne Hall" meeting, held March 17 at the Whistle Stop Diner in downtown Romulus. The event – attended by about 50 people – also featured presentations about current City projects and programs. Lambert thanked Dave and Shelly Gibb, owners of the Whistle Stop, for hosting the meeting, which Lambert called "a way of bringing City Hall to the people."

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Guest Commentary

Romak Addresses Her Concerns Regarding City Budget

By Romulus City Councilwoman Debbie Romak

This is a time of well-publicized and documented economic difficulties, when cities across our state are reeling from the reduction of state-shared revenues, dipping into fund balances, and making cuts whenever they can. The management of city finances is a topic of public discussion everywhere and a matter of genuine concern.

A promise or a mandate?

FACT: The City of Romulus is legally subject to the budgetary control requirements of the State of Michigan PA 621 of 1978 (Uniform Budgeting Act), as amended. One of the major provisions of this public act is that *budgets must be balanced*; therefore, all administrators must balance their budgets. In short, it has nothing to do with promises. (audit*)

FACT: The Romulus City Council was not presented with the annual audit report provided by Plante & Moran until minutes before the scheduled audit presentation. Unfortunately, we never had an opportunity to discuss some areas of concern that were mentioned in the auditor's report.

FACT: Expenses have increased by \$3.4 million during the year. This includes \$2.7 million for infrastructure-related items (Huron River Drive, Ecorse Road, and Pennsylvania Road) and roughly \$700,000 for health care. (audit*)

FACT: Again this year, state-shared revenue was reduced by the State of Michigan. This represents a 7.5% decrease from the prior year, and a decrease of 20.1% from 2001. (audit*)

FACT: The City of Romulus received several onetime revenues (airport parking fees, additional inspection fees from Northwest Airlines, and a contract with Centex Homes for the sale of 59 acres) that significantly affected the City's projected fund balance. According to the audit, those onetime revenues are *not* expected to repeat in the future; therefore, we must continue to monitor all expenditures closely and to enhance revenues. Further, because of reductions in several major revenue sources, the City will have to use \$1.9 million of its fund balance in order to provide a balanced budget. Again, this emphasizes the need to continue to watch our budget very closely. (audit*)

FACT: The above-mentioned onetime revenues allowed the City to avoid a significant reduction to its General Fund balance. As of June 30, 2004, the

City had an unreserved and undesignated General Fund balance of approximately \$1.2 million. That unreserved and undesignated fund balance *excludes* almost \$2 million of fund balance earmarked to balance the adopted budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year. *Based on initial projections for the City's 2005/2006 fiscal year, it is expected that the City will require an additional \$2 million to balance that budget, according to the audit report.*

FACT: Currently, the City's remaining unreserved and undesignated General Fund balance *is not sufficient to balance the shortfall projected for the City's 2005/2006 fiscal year.* (audit*)

However, Council has been assured by the Finance Department that the City has \$3.2 million in fund balance, and will draw down \$1.9 million to address our projected shortfall. I understand that those reductions will be disclosed to City Council, citizens, and taxpayers as we enter budget hearings in April.

As for improvements made to our city while we endure some of the worst economic times ...

FACT: A full-time fire department was put into place by the previous administration, although, under the current administration, we have added additional firemen to the department. Several budgets ago, I felt so strongly about the need to establish a full-time fire department for citizens' protection that I refused to accept the proposed budget because it did not provide funding for a full-time department. Later, the previous administration budgeted for the first eight full-time firemen. I must also mention and give credit to the paid-on-call men and women of our community who made that transition possible. Without their devotion, true commitment to serving others, and continued willingness to serve our community, a full-time fire department would not have been possible. I, for one, will be forever grateful to those men and women for their endless personal sacrifices. The police- and fire-incurred costs in 2004 are at approximately \$10.6 million. Some say that the reorganizing of our police department had costs in other ways, besides a lengthy lawsuit that, to date, is still unresolved.

FACT: Our senior citizens well deserve a new senior center with no increase in cost to the taxpayers. I can assure you that I will do everything in my legislative powers to promote this by introducing a resolution (unanimously

approved by City Council on March 14) supporting the efforts of our Federal legislators in securing and maintaining funds needed to pay for the bonds (\$3.5 million) issued to build the new facility.

FACT: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding could be jeopardized. Those funds are helping Romulus build a new senior center as well as provide chore services and other needed programs in low- to moderate-income areas. Those funds also provide needed dollars for housing rehab and historical projects, and help to assist civic/nonprofit organizations within our community. When these funds are reduced, it's across the board. (We have pre-committed CDBG funds for the next 10 years to pay the \$3.5-million bond debt for the new senior center.)

FACT: President George W. Bush is proposing a Federal budget change to CDBG funding. It would move the program under the Department of Commerce (CDBG funding currently is overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD), and combine it with other programs that would compete for the same funding. President Bush's proposed budget was less than last year's Federal budget for the CDBG program, alone.

FACT: The rest of the well-deserv-

ing adults and youths in our community need a recreation facility at no increase in cost to the taxpayers. I will anxiously wait for one or more corporate sponsors to step up with their million-dollar pledges as they did in Flat Rock, where Auto Alliance gave \$6.1 million for naming rights and other perks, making it possible for the citizens of Flat Rock to enjoy a facility with no increase in taxes. This is definitely a plan worth pursuing! A friendly reminder: Practically every public building has costs associated with it. Please take part in the scheduled meetings regarding the recreation facility. Your input is a needed component, and is greatly appreciated.

Financial decisions that shape the future of our city can and should be given greater planning priority.

Friends and neighbors, with certainty it is an election year. It is a FACT that we are faced with difficult budget times, a depressed economy, cuts in revenues (both on the Federal and State levels), onetime revenues never to be repeated, increased costs, and increased expenditures, whether it is an election year or not.

**Editor's note: According to Councilwoman Romak, this information was obtained from the annual audit report prepared for the City of Romulus. □*

School Board Honors Adult Ed Grads



Romulus Adult Education students who graduated in January were honored by the Romulus Board of Education later that month. Honorees and staff members who attended the program included: (from left) front – Julie Wohlfeil, Stephanie Cobb, Meghan Travis, Kim Jensen (Adult Ed teacher), and Mary Webb; back – Martin Redden, Justin Spry, Sharman Spieser (Adult Ed coordinator), and Carolyn Jackson. Also graduating were: Krystal Adams, Amber Barbee, Anthony Bass, Michael Cloutier, Jennifer Farrell, Mihaela Gafencu, Jamal James, Leesa Morrow, Lonny Smith, Christopher Sowers, and Patricia Tilicea.

Barth, Wick Students Go to RHS for Peer Mediation Workshop



Romulus High School peer mediators Lindsey Moss (front, center) and La'Britney Franklin (back, center) enjoyed working with Barth Elementary students during a recent Peer Mediator Workshop. The participants included (from left) front – Kayte Nickel, Krista Rak, Mackenzie Marz, and Sierra Nathaniel; back – Kavon Barker and Buyonne Holt.

Students from Barth and Wick elementary schools recently traveled to Romulus High School to attend a Peer Mediation Workshop. This unique program was organized by RHS social worker Rhonda Henry, the high school's Peer Mediation advisor.

Henry was pleased with the outcome of the program.

"The students really interacted nicely, with many excellent idea exchanges between the elementary and high-school students," she said. "Both groups of students learned from each other and discovered new approaches to resolving student conflicts."

Henry explained that Peer Mediation is used to resolve students' disputes at the elementary, middle-school, and high-school levels in the Romulus Community Schools. Both parties of a dispute have to agree, in writing, to abide by the

findings of their peer mediators. The mediation process begins with each side presenting his/her side of the story. Each student then has to try to pick out why his/her action(s) caused a problem for the opposite party. Each one also has an opportunity to offer possible solutions to be considered by the peer mediators hearing the case.

"We find that Peer Mediation is very effective at Romulus High School, and helps to diffuse difficult student situations," said Henry. "Our mediators are sensitive to the concerns of their classmates, and keep all information on hearings confidential."

Henry believes that much of the program's success can be attributed to the students' respect for the mediators.

"Our student body has a high degree of esteem for the peer mediators and their work," she said. □



RHS mediator Tiffany Sucharski (back, left) worked on a problem-solving session with a number of Wick Elementary's peer mediators, including: (from left) front – Ondrea Watkins, Pajenai Eubanks, Kaylan Robb, and Kyah Riley; back – Akizhane Wilson and Nicole Crenshaw.

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Halecreek Celebrates 101st Birthday of Dr. Seuss

Halecreek kindergartners kicked off National Reading Month with a special celebration on March 2, 2005 – the 101st anniversary of the birth of Theodor Giesel, better known as the beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. In honor of the dear doc, students created replicas of the hat made famous by Seuss's titular cat, then wore them while reading and listening to many of their favorite Seuss stories.

"Remembering Dr. Seuss is a fitting way to celebrate National Reading Month," said kindergarten teacher Cathy

Kudra. "He was a very important author who wrote, lived, and died in our time. Children all over the world will reap the benefits of his books for years to come."

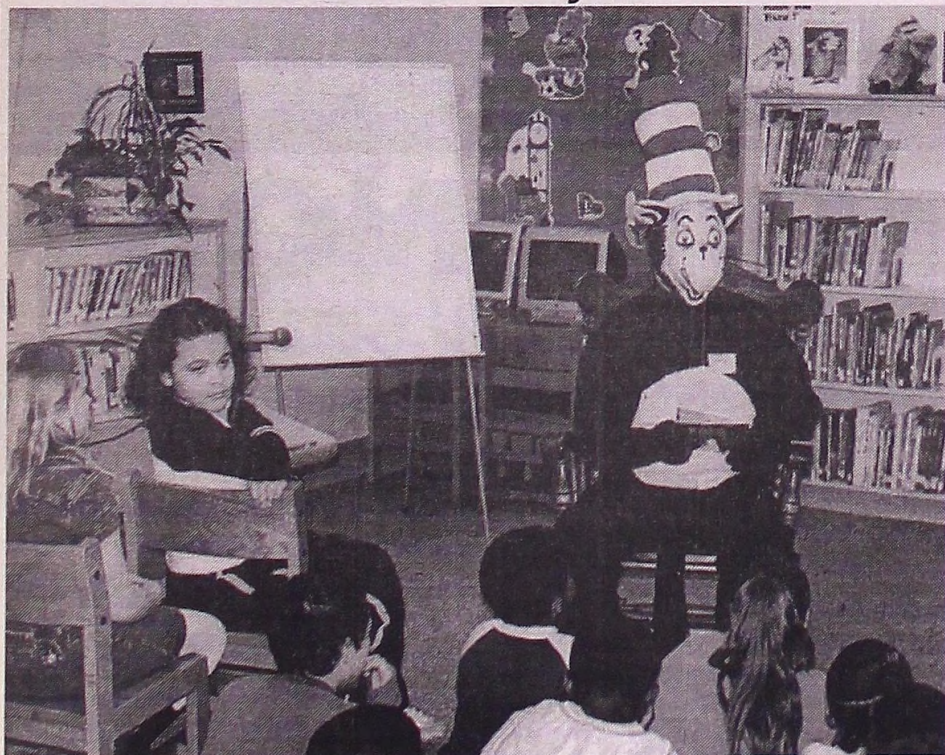
Kudra noted that kindergartners and their "Book Buddies" will be reading many Dr. Seuss books and other favorite during Reading Month, which acknowledges the important part that reading plays in everyone's lives. The school district's goal, she said, is to support all students in becoming good and thoughtful readers who can comprehend and share what they read. □

"Scarecrow" Reads to Wick Students

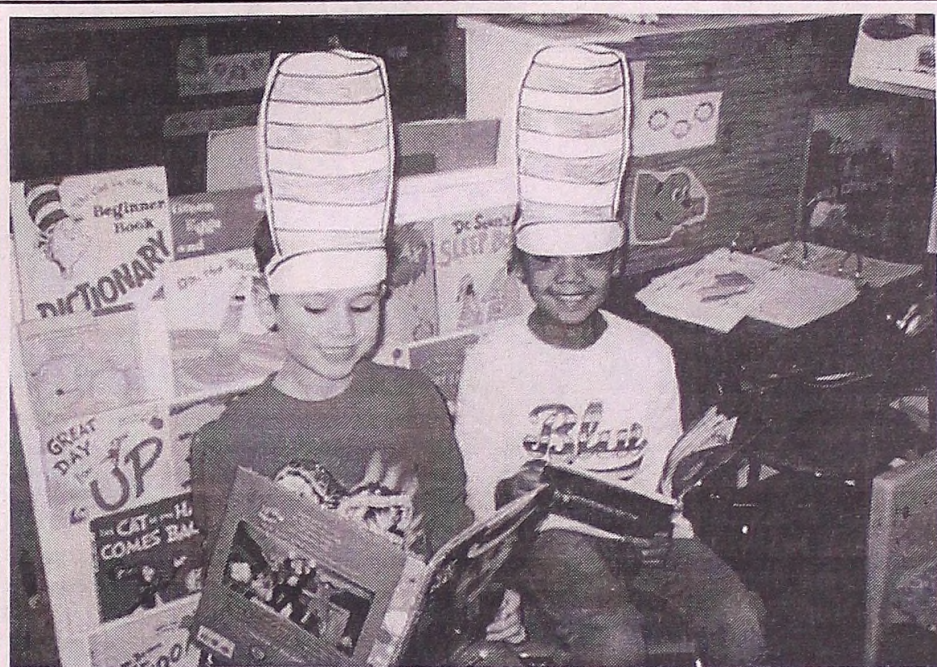


Wick Elementary principal Debbie Juriga, dressed as the Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz*, read a book to kindergarten students in celebration of National Reading Month.

"Cat" Comes to Cory for Stories



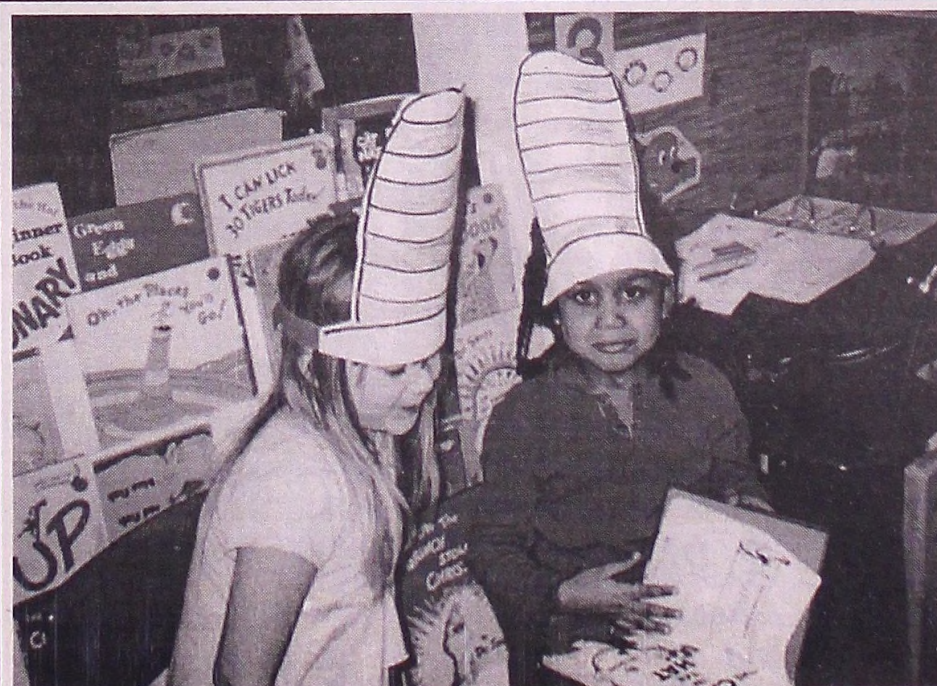
Carl Burkeen – husband of Molly McGlynn, a third-grade teacher at Cory Elementary – was dressed as the Cat in the Hat when he visited the school during National Reading Month.



Joseph Crosby (left) and Kennedy Cole enjoyed reading books about the famous Dr. Seuss character, the Cat in the Hat, during Halecreek Elementary School's celebration of National Reading Month.



Tommie McCoy (left) and Jourdyn Chambers shared a Dr. Seuss book.



Alyse Bonam (left) read *The Cat in the Hat* to Jenna Vail.

Senator Basham Presents Flag to Cub Scouts Pack #739



Taking part in the flag presentation ceremony were: (from left) front – DeMarco Woodward, Matthew Freeman, Donovan Parks, Colin McWilliams, Elliot Derickson, Carl Sanford, Dajon Nash, Johnny Toliver, James Holly, and Zachary Linne; back – Romulus City Councilwoman Debbie Romak and State Senator Raymond E. Basham.

On March 15, State Senator Raymond E. Basham and Romulus City Councilwoman Debbie Romak took time out to attend the den meeting of Cub Scouts Pack #739 (Merriman Elementary School).

Senator Basham presented the boys with a new Michigan state flag that was flown atop the State Capitol in February 2005. Senator Basham told the scouts that, when they become Eagle Scouts, he will return from Lansing with a special presentation. (Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouting, and is the goal of every young scout.)

The scouts were excited to meet the two leaders, and presented both with honorary memberships to Pack #739.

"These boys get together once a week with such anticipation, excitement, and curiosity," said Pack leader Dean

Freeman. "It takes all the parent volunteers and parent leaders to keep things running smoothly. Thankfully, the parental and community support is amazingly strong in Pack #739."

"We'd like to express our appreciation to Councilwoman Romak for all her help," Freeman continued. "She is truly a role model who gets involved in her community." □

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Halecreek Kindergartners Visit Mayor at Romulus City Hall



Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews talked with Halecreek Elementary School kindergartners (from left) Giovanna Hamilton, Tommie McCoy, Christopher Brimmer, and Alyssa Wojtylko about the many jobs performed by Cheyenne, a Romulus police dog.

Kindergartners from Halecreek Elementary School visited Romulus City Hall last month to meet Mayor Alan R. Lambert and other City employees. The field trip was part of an ongoing lesson about leaders and their responsibilities.

Mayor Lambert was happy to take a break from his busy schedule and talk with some of the younger citizens in our community. He told the students about his job and some of the duties it entails.

"I like being the Mayor of Romulus," he said. "I do my best to help make our city a good place for people to live, work, and go to school."

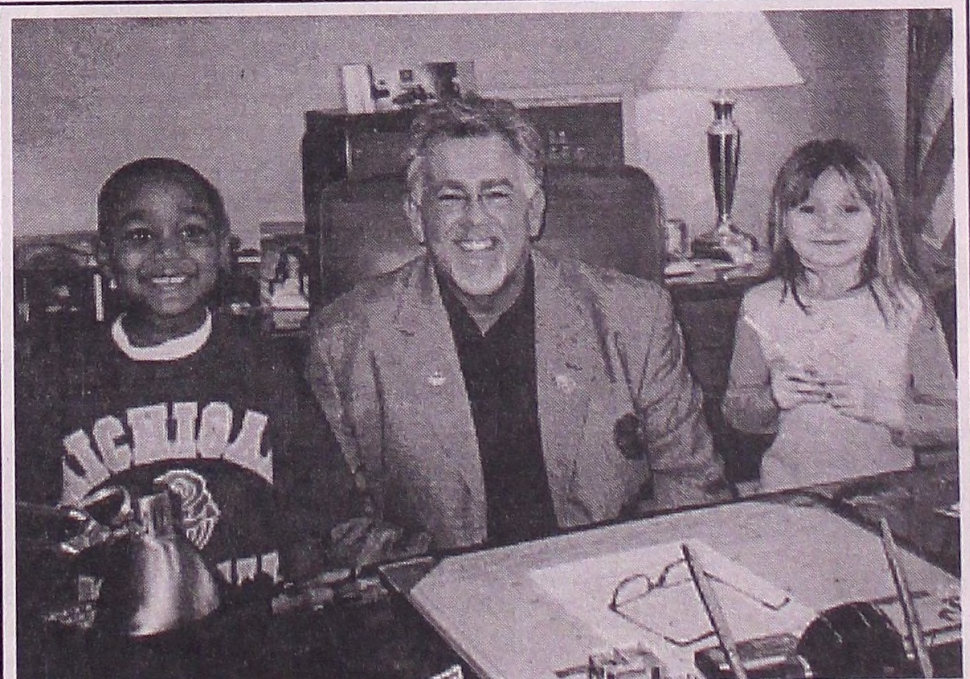
Following a Q&A session and a tour of the mayor's office, Betsey Krampitz, the mayor's secretary, introduced some

City employees who explained their role in helping the residents of Romulus.

Officer Joseph Richardson talked about the police department, and how police officers work to keep everyone safe. He made the children honorary deputies, and gave them badges to wear.

Students also got to meet "Cheyenne," a Romulus police dog. Animal Control officer Kim Matthews explained some of the important jobs that police dogs perform, and the children were very impressed by the work that they do.

When the kindergartners returned to school, they wrote a Class Book about their visit with Mayor Lambert and his helpers. It was an enjoyable learning experience for all the students. □



Mayor Alan R. Lambert discussed his duties with Tre Madison (left) and Susan Rudd.

At the State Finals



Head coach Nate Oats displays the Eagles' district championship, regional championship, and state runner-up trophies.



These students were just a few of the many fans who made the trip to East Lansing to support the Eagles in the state final.



Also there to cheer on the Eagles were Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (left) and Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr.



(Front, from left) Head coach Nate Oats and assistant coaches Josh Baker and Steve Glenn were proud of their team's efforts. (photo by Gary Shook)



Senior Jason Gibson led the Eagles with 20 points in the state final. (photo by Gary Shook)

At the State Finals



Senior Geryn Reese scored 8 and had 6 rebounds for Romulus High School in the state finals. (photo by Gary Shook)



Scoring 2 points for the Eagles in the final against Holt was senior Dwight Talley. (photo by Gary Shook)



Senior Avery Stephenson, the Eagles' top scorer during the regular season, netted 4 and had 9 rebounds against Holt. (photo by Gary Shook)



Scoring 6 in the final was senior Danté Williams, who was third in total points for RHS during the regular season. (photo by Gary Shook)

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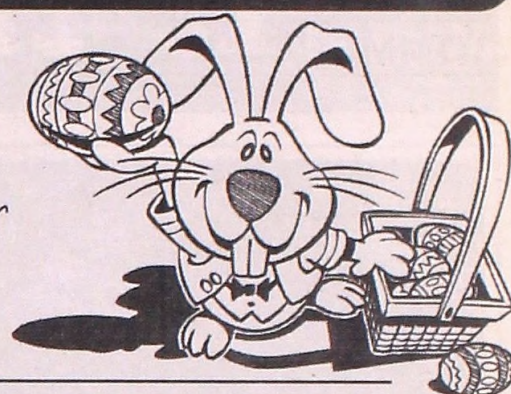
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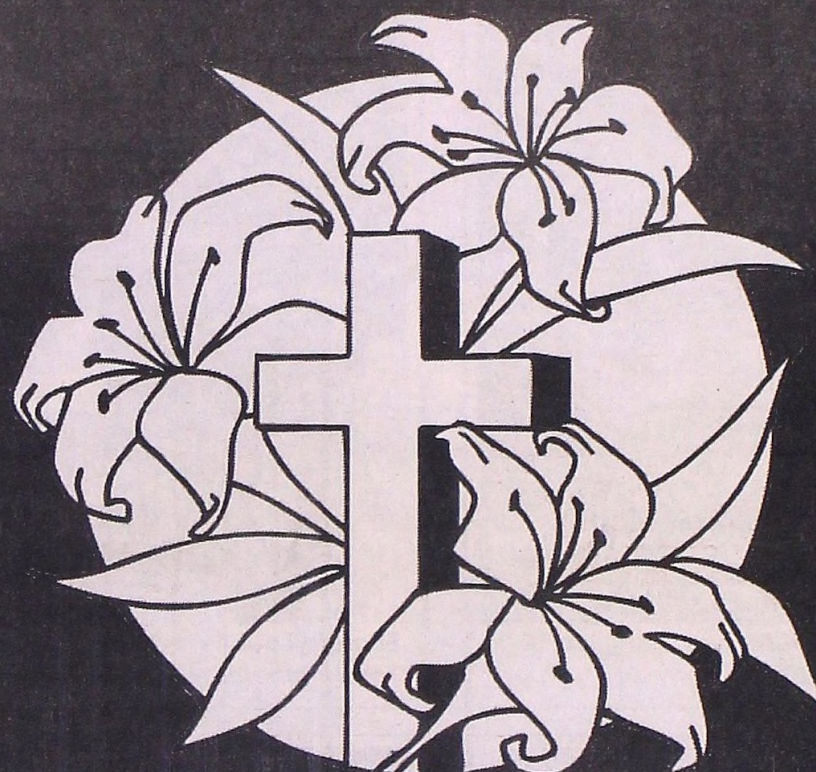
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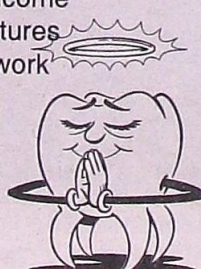
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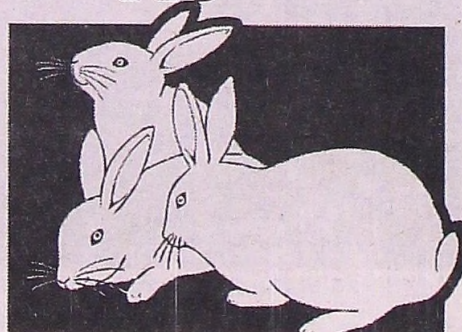
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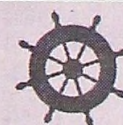
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Merriman Parents, Staff Get Acquainted



Merriman Elementary staff members got acquainted with new families at a recent pizza party/welcome program. Among those who attended were: (from left) front - Katlyn Crowell, Demonte Brown, Ronda Luttmann (parent coordinator), and Renee Kish (social worker); second row - Justin Drouillard, Jasmine Morrison, and Donyea Wesley; third row - Brittany Drouillard, Tammy Drouillard, Sheenah Sapp-Morrison, Chelsea Drouillard, Ja'Veon Coleman, Shatina Brown, and Shellie Moore (principal); back - Latonya Coleman, Leroy Coleman, and Ashley Coleman.

Computer Workshop at Wick



Danielle Funderburg (back), parent coordinator at Wick Elementary, worked with (from left) Mae Lytle, Terrance Morgan, Mary Binkiewicz, and Releford Gamble at the school's recent Meet 'n' Eat computer training program for parents.

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Wick social worker Sandra MacDonald (back) welcomed parents (from left) Noreen Tucker, Michele Lewis, and Lawanda Williams to their computer training session.

Dinner Honors RES Parents



Romulus Elementary principal Lynne Mossoian (back, left) welcomed district curriculum director Tom Dolan (back, center) – guest speaker at her recent parent recognition dinner – and parent honorees, including: (from left) front – Bruce Green, Paula Valentik, and Cynthia Gaudy; back – Keesha Thompson, Dontonio Thompson, Biafra Pierce, and Carl Pierce.

A special dinner held in the Romulus Elementary cafeteria honored parents who have completed a variety of student support and volunteer activities at the school. Principal Lynne Mossoian was on hand to welcome her guests and thank them for making Romulus Elementary a wonderful place to go to school.

Mossoian explained that, in order to be invited to the recognition dinner, parents had to have attended parent-teacher conferences, monitored their children's homework assignments, and volunteered to help with at least one school project.

"We gave the parents a variety of choices like working on the annual Snowflake Dance, participating in Parents as Educational Partners committee activities or social-worker/parent workshops, chaperoning field trips, volunteering in classrooms and/or the library, and attending informative brunches," she said.

Mossoian's incentive programs have received excellent response from both students and parents. This teamwork, she says, played a big part in the fact that Romulus Elementary students exceeded state averages on all five

sections of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) last year.

"Research shows that parent involvement is the key to student achievement," she noted. "Our school community is most supportive of both our programs and our children's educational efforts."

"We hope to continue to maximize student achievement in the future," she concluded.

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REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Cheryle Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2/05/1 Moved by Lenossi supported by White to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

2/05/2 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2005; the Special Meeting of January 27, 2005; and the Special Meeting of January 31, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Melody Minster, Bus Aide, Transportation, Effective February 1, 2005; Janet Sundquist, Bus Aide, Transportation, Effective February 2, 2005; Meilurn Sheu, Head Bookkeeper, Administrative Office, Effective February 7, 2005; Donna Zagula, Cafeteria I, Server, High School, Effective February 8, 2005.

Per Diem Substitute Settlement Agreement

2/05/3 Moved by White supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approve a Settlement Agreement regarding per diem substitutes with Wayne County MEA/NEA, as presented by the Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

2/05/4 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Kuderik to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Purchase of Buses

2/05/5 Moved by Lenossi supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to purchase five (5) school buses from Capital City for \$276,840.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation – Barth – Blue Ribbon

Mrs. Diane Golka, Principal, Barth Elementary School, and her staff and students appeared before the Board of Education. A highlights video was presented by Mr. Lewis Smith III, CSR Facilitator. The First-grade Liberty Project was presented by Lori Russell, teacher, and students Austin Walker, Emilee Keys, Nicholas Helton, Bryan Poet, Jackson Arold, Jamie Laura, Megan Hines, Jacob Jones, Shannel DeFoe, Ta'zhane Willis, and Alexis Celestine. The Core Democratic Values program was presented by Gerilynn Kline, teacher, and students Christopher Neiman and Marica Taylor, along with a student video. The Blue Ribbon presentation was made by Principal Golka.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Friend of Service – Communication – Office of the Governor; 2) Robotics Team; 3) Fun and Fitness Day; 4) Parent Newsletter – RHS; 5) Thank You – Martin Luther King Day Participation; 6) Wick Elementary School Newsletter; 7) Community Middle School Newsletter; 8) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; 9) Cory Elementary February News; 10) Thank You, Romulus Schools – U.S. Marines; 11) Romulus Elementary – Parent Workshops; 12) 21st Century After-school Tutoring Update; 13) Halecreek Elementary Parent Newsletter; and 14) Summer Sports Camp.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Lenossi reminded parents that emergency cards should be kept updated at schools if any change is made. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz informed the Board that a Wayne County Association of School Boards meeting would be held on March 23, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. – topic to be "Our Kids Can't Wait Meeting." Mr. Thomas Kuderik commented on the thank-you letter from the U.S. Marines. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe reminded Board members of the Community Baby Shower to be held on March 12 in the Romulus High School cafeteria for Helping Hand. Mrs. Roscoe also made mention of recycling being done at Wick Elementary School, and the fact that the community can assist by donating recyclable paper materials. Mrs. Roscoe mentioned the upcoming Romulus Youth Technique Sports Camp to be held June 20–24, 2005, at Romulus Middle School. Mrs. Roscoe also mentioned that three students from RHS earned a spot to compete in the state competition for BPA, those being Crystal Hahn, second place, fundamental accounting; Doloris Garry, third place, advanced accounting; and Shannell Battle, sixth place, basic office systems. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, advised the Board that the vote for May's School Board election will be by paper ballot. Mrs. Cheryle Buckley asked that copies of any pertinent Board-related information be forwarded to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

2/05/6 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

RES Parents Honored



Romulus Elementary School staff members who attended a recent dinner honoring parent volunteers included: (from left) front – Lisa Dial (with son Trevor), Jeff Leucht, Sarah Rollins, and Jessica Whalen; back – Debra Brubaker, Angela Slavik, Regan Andrzejewski, and Laurie Painter.



Among the parents who were recognized during the special event were: (from left) front – Kenneth Patterson, Donnelle Patterson, Robert Granberry, and Laurie Granberry; back – Angela Hollis and Lakesha Allen.



(From left) Parent Jennifer Alexander joined staff members Jill Devers, Margie McAnally, and Sandy Slater for dinner.



Additional parent honorees were (from left) Terrance Bennett, Lisa Bennett, Sheila Damron, Rick Zavitz, and Lisa Zavitz.



Other parents who were recognized included (from left) Veronica Jackson, Debra Roper, Keeyna Stephens, Wesley Stephens, and Ursula Wester.



Fifth-grader Summer Granberry provided dinner music, performing many of her own compositions.

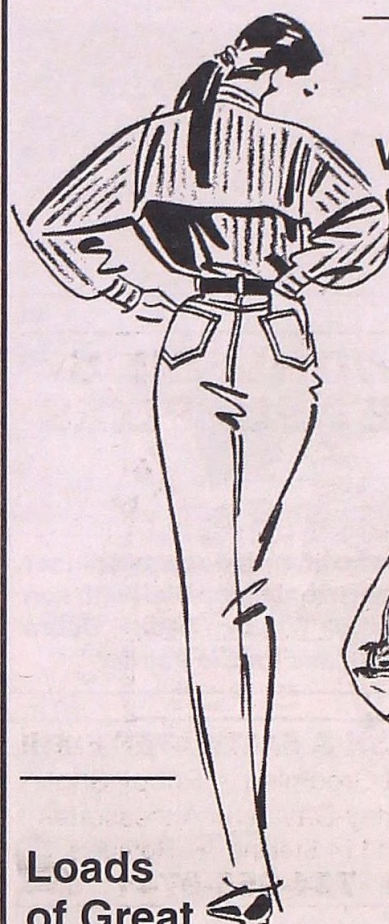
Community Calendar

- **Travel Baseball Team Organizing** – A travel baseball team for youths age 13 and under is now organizing in the Romulus area. Anyone interested in registering should call Bob (734-942-9261) or Larry (734-722-1857) for more information.
- **The Passion of the Christ** – Bethany Bible Church (810 East Huron River Drive, Belleville) invites you to see the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, in its entirety on Good Friday (March 25) at 7 p.m. No minors will be admitted without an adult. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 734-697-7456.
- **St. Paul's Hosts Special Services** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis Streets in New Boston) is inviting the community to attend its Good Friday services (12 and 7 p.m. on March 25) and Easter services (sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by breakfast; and the Festival of the Resurrection at 10 a.m.). For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Special Services at CUMC** – Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street in downtown Romulus) will hold a Good Friday service on March 25 at 12 noon, and an Easter morning service on March 27 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.
- **Indoor Flea Market at Progressive Hall** – The Romulus Progressive Club is inviting the public to attend its upcoming Indoor Flea Market, to be held at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) on Saturday, April 9, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tables space (8'x8' – \$20) is still available. For more information, call Jim VanMeer (248-640-4567 or 734-941-3044).
- **National Library Week** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, near City Hall) will host the following kids' programs during National Library Week (April 10–16): **Story with Ronald McDonald** (Tuesday, April 12), **"Rainbow Feathers" bird program** (Wednesday, April 13), and **Mike Boyton's Puppet Show** (Thursday, April 14). All programs begin at 4:30 p.m., and all are free of charge.
- **Rummage Sale** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bag day). Proceeds will go to church-related charities.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Day** – Wayne County's next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held in the parking lot at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. Residents will be able to dispose of items such as household cleaners, paints and stains, antifreeze, garden chemicals, and household electronics. Participants will also be able to exchange their old mercury thermometer(s) for a safe, mercury-free digital thermometer (one per car). For more information about materials that may or may not be suitable for Waste Day disposal, call WC Resource Recovery at 734-326-3936.
- **Spring Craft Show** – The Romulus Progressive Club will host its Spring Craft Show at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) on Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured items will include baskets, wreaths, jewelry, hand-painted clothing, candles, and more. Space is still available for crafters/vendors who would like to participate. For more information, call the hall (734-941-3044), Jim Poet (718-3137) or Diane Poet (942-7195).
- **City of Romulus Announces Public Hearing for 2005/2006 Budget** – The City of Romulus will host a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005/2006 in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road) on Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- **Memorial Balloon Launch** – Crane Funeral Home's second annual Balloon Launch – a ceremony in memory of loved ones who have passed away – will be held at the Funeral Home (36885 Goddard) on Sunday, May 15. For details, call 734-941-9200.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open** – Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005–2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact your neighborhood school.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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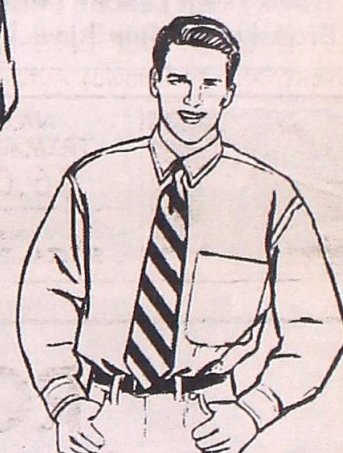
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Obituaries

Wilburn A. Browning

Wilburn A. Browning of Mio, Michigan, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2005, at the age of 66.

The native of Lily, Kentucky, was born on Monday, February 6, 1939.

Wilburn – a former resident of Romulus, Michigan – was a U.S. Navy retiree. He was a member of a number of organizations, including Masonic Lodge #596 (Mio), a motorcycle club, and the National Rifle Association. His hobbies included shooting guns and fishing.

Surviving Wilburn are his wife, Patricia A. (Pfeiffer) Browning; 3 sons, Richard A. (Margie) Browning (Chocowinity, NC), Paul D. (Ronda) Browning (Crump-

ton, MD), and Anthony B. (Jenny) Browning (Romulus); 3 daughters, Sheila K. Hall (Belleville, MI), Diana L. (Ted) Steffke (South Lyon, MI), and Margaret L. (James) Harville (Romulus); a brother, Hershel Browning (Romulus); 2 sisters, June (Jim) Mabelitina (New Boston, MI) and Sheirley Cummins (Taylor, MI); 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. His parents, Robert and Maggie (Hensley) Browning, were among those who predeceased him.

Masonic and military services were held on Tuesday, March 15, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). Cremation rites were accorded.

Irene Seborowski

Irene Seborowski of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the age of 82.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Tuesday, June 6, 1922.

Irene is survived by 2 daughters, Jean (Ronald) Norman (Belleville) and Ms. Patricia Seborowski (Goshen, OH); a brother, Robert Smitt (Romulus, MI); 4 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

dren. She was predeceased by her parents, Stanley and Pauline (Ozga) Smitt, and her husband, Raymond T. Seborowski (December 23, 1984).

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 12, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) acting as officiant. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Esther F. Wilkewitz

Esther F. Wilkewitz of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at the age of 81.

Esther – a native of Gault, Ontario, Canada – was born on Sunday, February 10, 1924. She enjoyed gardening and homemaking.

Surviving Esther are her husband, Harold Wilkewitz; 2 sons, Dale (Janet) Wilkewitz (New Boston, MI) and Gerald Wilkewitz (Romulus); and 4 grandchildren. Among those who predeceased her were her parents, David and Marga-

ret (Craig) Gauley; 2 brothers, William and John Gauley; and 3 sisters, Grace DeLosier, Margaret Szabo, and Ruth Decker (her twin).

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Don Belcher (Sunset Church of Christ, Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens (Livonia, MI). Memorial tributes to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (Romulus) would be greatly appreciated by the Wilkewitz family. □

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